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**Advisory board to pick "great places"**

Mount Vernon and Lisbon will know by early October if the "Creative Corridor," the region between and around Iowa City and Cedar Rapids, has been selected as one of three "Great Places" in Iowa.

Mount Vernon and Lisbon joined with the Creative Corridor in July, hoping to participate in Gov. Tom Vilsack's "Great Places" pilot project. The Great Places Citizen Advisory Board will conduct tours of the sites in September and October.

To date, 58 offers from 146 potential "Great Places" have been received.

The three sites that are selected will partner with the state and government agencies to help turn areas throughout the state into "Great Places."